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SUBJ: RUDI DUTSCHKE ON THE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG CIRCUIT

SUMMARY: FORMER EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION (APO) LEADER RUDI DUTSCHKE SPOKE TO AN OVERFLOW AUDIENCE OF MORE THAN 1,000 IN STUTTGART ON FEBRUARY 5. EARLIER HE HAD MADE SIMILAR APPEARANCES IN THE UNIVERSITY CITIES OF FREIBURG AND TUEBINGEN. IN SPEAKING ON "THE LEFT AND THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES: BLIND OR CRITICAL SOLIDARITY", DUTSCHKE ADVOCATED AN INDEPENDENT LEFT. HE LEVELLED CRITICISM AT BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA. HE ALSO COMPLETELY REJECTED THE VIEWS OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF PRISONERS BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY ATTACKED THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR IMPRISONMENT. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. FORMER EXTRA-PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION LEADER RUDI DUTSCHKE
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SPOKE IN STUTTGART ON FEBRUARY 5 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE

SOCIALIST CENTER. THE THEME OF HIS PRESENTATION WAS "THE LEFT AND THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES: BLIND OR CRITICAL SOLIDARITY", ON WHICH HE SPOKE FOR THIRTY MINUTES. HE FOCUSED MAINLY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALISM IN GERMANY AND CRITICISMS OF EXISTING MANIFESTATIONS OF SOCIALISM, PARTICULARLY IN THE SOVIET UNION. IN TRACING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIALISM IN EUROPE SINCE 1917, DUTSCHKE BEMOANED THE FAILURE TO BUILD A UNITED SOCIALIST FRONT IN EUROPE IN THE 1920'S AND THE DEFEAT OF THE GERMAN WORKERS BY THE NAZIS.

2. DUTSCHKE SAID THAT THE EVENTS OF 1945 HAD A DOUBLE CHARACTER; THERE WAS MUCH TO BE HAPPY ABOUT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC BECAUSE IT WAS, AT THAT TIME, A GREAT VICTORY OVER "INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLY CAPITALISM. HOWEVER 1945 ALSO MARKED ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR THE GERMAN WORKERS BECAUSE SOCIALISM HAD TO BE ESTABLISHED BY AN OUTSIDE FORCE.

3. DUTSCHKE CRITICIZED THE SOVIET UNION FOR ITS "GROSSMACHT CHAUVINISMUS". HE SAID THAT PERSONALITIES HAD BECOME TOO IMPORTANT, THAT "THE SOVIET REGIME IS SICK". HE SAID THAT NONE OF THE EXISTING SOCIALIST PARTIES HAVE THE RIGHT SOLUTIONS AND CALLED FOR THE BUILDING OF AN ALTERNATIVE. HE SAID THAT MIDDLE AND WESTERN EUROPE SHOULD BECOME THE LEADERS OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM. HE CALLED FOR THE EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS TO "MARCH ON THEIR OWN LEGS, NOT WITH ONE LEG IN PEKING AND THE OTHER IN MOSCOW".

4. DUTSCHKE HAD LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN GENERAL. NEVERTHELESS, HE REJECTED THE VIEWS OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF PRISONERS, WHILE CONDEMNING THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR IMPRISONMENT AS A MOCKERY OF ONE'S PERSONALITY.

5. COMMENT: DESCRIBED AS UNEMPLOYED BUT WITH MUCH WORK, DUTSCHKE SPOKE TO THE "BLUE JEANS AND LONG HAIR SET". IN ESSENCE IT WAS PREACHING TO THE CONVERTED. BEYOND THE GENERAL CONSENSUS ABOUT THE EVILS OF CAPITALISM AND IMPERIALISM, THE DISCUSSION PERIOD PROVED TO BE AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY SINCE IT REFLECTED THE COMPLETE ABSENCE OF UNITY ON THE LEFT, WHICH DUTSCHKE WAS TRYING TO ADVOCATE. CONSIDERING THE SPEAKER
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AND HIS AUDIENCE, THE EVENING PROVED TO BE RELATIVELY PEACEFUL. CARLSON

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